THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO.22543 OF 2005

Dated 27th October 2005

Between:

D.V.V.Kumar

…Petitioner

And

The APSRTC, rep. by its Regional Manager,

East Godavari Region, at Rajahmundry & another

…Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioner is employed as a driver in the APSRTC. He was placed under suspension, through order, dated 31.8.2005, on the ground that during the check it was found that a sum of Rs.224/- was found in excess with him. The petitioner challenges the order of suspension.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

Several grounds are urged in the challenge to the impugned order. The petitioner was issued a charge sheet on the same day. A perusal of the same discloses that the petitioner himself declared before assumption of duties that he had cash of Rs.300/- with him. There is a definite purpose for which such a declaration is taken.

However, during the course of check, a sum of Rs.524/- was found with the petitioner. The petitioner placed an explanation for the amount found in excess of the declaration made by him. That, however, has to be considered in the disciplinary proceedings. As of now, it cannot be said that the order of suspension is without any basis. The grievance of the petitioner can be attended to, by requiring the respondents to expedite the enquiry.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the petitioner shall be concluded, as early as possible, and not later than three months, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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27th October 2005

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